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WASHBURN AND MEDLER AGAIN ON THE BOARD

LUCHTMAN SIGNED CONTRACT
AS THE SUPERINTENDENT
AFTER MEETING.

Voters Approved Proposed Budget

Alma had no axe to grind at the annual meeting of the school district held Monday evening, it is evident from the small attendance, which turned out and voted on the various propositions that were up, and William W. Medler and Carl H. Washburn, the retiring members of the board were kept in their places on the board by practically unanimous votes.

The attendance is shown in the vote on the proposition to purchase 18 lots in Elmwood Park addition, to round out the Republic school site and thus provide for a park and playground in the east end of the city. Only 59 votes were cast. This shows probably the smallest attendance at an annual school meeting held in ten years and would serve to indicate that the people of this city are well satisfied with the way the affairs of the school district are being conducted.

The proposed budget of the board was approved just as it was submitted to the voters of the district. It would have been surprising if anything else had been the case, however, as the budget calls for only \$113,015.60. This is a smaller sum than that called for last year by over \$3,000, made possible by the board although the salaries of the instructors in the public schools have not been cut.

When the election of members of the board to succeed Mr. Medler and Mr. Washburn was held the two men received practically all of the votes that were cast. There were a very few scattering votes, that kept the choices from being unanimous.

When the proposition to purchase the lots in Elmwood Park addition was put to a vote, following a short discussion in which the need of the property, and the price of the lots was discussed, the proposition received a vote of 39 in favor of it and 20 against it.

Following the close of the school meeting, A. C. Luchman, for the past ten years principal of the High School, signed a contract as superintendent of the Alma Public Schools. (Continued on page three)

AMENDMENTS NOT TO GO ON BALLOT

PETITIONS FOR THE PAROCHIAL
AND OTHER AMENDMENTS
FAIL IN SIGNATURES.

Three proposed amendments to the Michigan constitution were killed automatically Thursday when proponents of the measure failed to file petitions carrying the 105,000 signatures necessary to submit them to the voters at the forthcoming state election to be held this fall.

The amendments included one that would require all children of school age to attend public schools and in effect abolish parochial and private schools; another, to abolish the moiety clause and to make apportionment for the state legislature strictly on a population basis and the third to make the office of superintendent of the public instruction appointive instead of elective.

The petition for the so-called parochial school amendment carried only slightly more than 1,000 signatures, it was announced. According to a statement to Detroit today by Jas. Hamilton one of the sponsors of the movement, however, initiatory petitions carrying 110,000 signatures have been received, but are being withheld following decision to delay a vote until next April.

The amendment to change the status of the office of superintendent of public instruction was 51,000 signatures short of the required number, according to figures from the office of secretary of state, where the petitions are filed. This proposal, it was said, came nearer receiving the required number of signatures than any of the others.

The movement for abolition of the moiety clause received its principal support in Detroit which would obtain increased legislative representation under the proposed change.

Think of it! In a few years the fame of Taniae has gone around the world. The reason is merit alone. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement.

Republic Enters Feature Truck

The first time that a car designed for intercity automotive transportation has participated in a cross country tour, is the distinction accorded the "Around Lake Michigan" tour, leaving Detroit July 7. The tour makes a 14 day circuit of Lake Michigan, through Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, with the Michigan Copper Country its northern terminus.

This passenger bus is entered by Col. Frank E. Smith, president and general manager of the Republic Motor Truck Co., Alma, Mich. It has a passenger capacity of 14, in addition to the driver and is known as the Rapid Transit model. It is mounted on pneumatics and travels at passenger car speed. The Republic factory has also entered a Rapid Transit express model to transport the cots and blankets of the tourists.

ATTORNEYS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

BAR ASSOCIATION ENJOY OUT-
ING AT CRYSTAL LAKE
WEDNESDAY.

Ninety guests were present at a meeting and picnic of the bar association held at Crystal Lake yesterday, which had for its principal aim the formation of a Central Michigan Bar Association. Attorneys were present from Clare, Montcalm, Isabella, Clinton, Midland and Gratiot counties. It was a larger bar meeting than the one held in Saginaw last winter.

Attorney Fancher of Mt. Pleasant was the oldest of the lawyers who were present at the gathering. He is also the oldest member of the Isabella Bar Association.

Judge E. J. Moinet acted as toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by Judge Hart of Midland, Attorney Wolbridge of St. Johns, Attorney Griswold of Greenville, Attorney Kelley S. Searl of St. Johns, judge of the Clinton-Gratiot circuit for twelve years; F. A. Eldred of Ionia, O. L. Smith of Lansing, assistant attorney general; Frank Miller of Stanton, for 20 years prosecuting attorney of Montcalm county; R. A. Hawley of Ionia, who talked on leadership, showing why attorneys are needed in perfecting more perfect laws; Joe Schnitzler of Mt. Pleasant, who talked on prohibition; John T. Mathews of Ithaca, who brought to the gathering the message of Judge Stone of Ithaca, president of the Gratiot Bar Association since its organization in 1909, and who was unable to be present. Judge Stone has been an attorney for 53 years in Michigan, 37 of which has been spent in this county. Charles H. Goggin of Alma spoke on the organization of a Central Michigan Bar Association, and William M. Smith of St. Johns spoke on the honesty of the lawyers.

A committee of one attorney from each of the five central Michigan counties was appointed with full power to act in arranging the details of the organization of the Central Michigan Association, make up the rules and by-laws and set a date for the meeting for the next year to be held at Crystal. The members of the committee are C. A. Reading of Clare, F. O. Eldred of Ionia, Attorney Griswold of Montcalm county, C. H. Goggin of Alma, Ed. Failing of Clinton county, Frank Burwash of Isabella county and George P. Stanford of Midland county.

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New Well Giving Good Water Flow

The new well which is being put down to increase the water supply of the city of Alma has now reached a depth of 548 feet, 95 of which is through a rock formation.

At the present time the well is giving a flow of a little more than 100 gallons of water per minute, but Manager William E. Reynolds believes that this can be increased by dynamiting the well and he is preparing to use dynamite in the well before the week is ended.

If the amount of water from this well can be increased to any appreciable step Alma will have another strong unit in its pure well water system, as there is not yet the slightest indication that the pumping of the new well is injurious to the other wells in the slightest extent.

CHAUTAUQUA AUGUST 15 TO 23 THIS SEASON

UNUSUALLY STRONG PLAYS
FORM FEATURES OF THE
PROGRAM THIS YEAR.

Strong Lecturers to Appear in Alma

Two top-notch dramatic comedies, "Turn to the Right" and "Friendly Enemies"; Lieurance's Little Symphony Orchestra; Governor Samuel R. McKelvie of Nebraska; former Governor Brough of Arkansas and other headline lecturers; Irene Stolofsky, eminent violinist; unique children's programs; Jess Pugh, noted fun specialist—these are among the eighteen notable attractions which will appear here at the big Seven Day Redpath Chautauqua which will open August 15 and continue through August 23.

The Collegian Male Quartette, four exceptional singers who are also accomplished as a brass quartette, will launch the week's program with a popular concert on the first afternoon. Following a prelude by this company at night, Hon. Charles H. Brough, scholar, educator and for two terms governor of Arkansas, will deliver an eloquent and illuminating lecture, "America's Leadership of the World."

A grand concert given on the second afternoon by the Montague Light Opera Singers will feature many light opera melodies presented in costume with a wealth of realistic dramatic detail. At night, following a concert by the Montagues, Dr. Huber W. Hurt, author, scholar and orator, will speak on "The New Industrial Day," powerfully setting forth practical principles of individual and collective living.

On the third afternoon, Irene Stolofsky, brilliant concert violinist, and assisting artists will appear in an artists' recital.

The third night will be Artists' Night. Miss Stolofsky and company will be heard in concert, following which Sidney London, interpreter, humorist and scholar will present his famous impersonations of Twain, Kipling, Longfellow and other literary masters, with readings from their works.

The Cramer-Kurz Trio, three gifted entertainers—a soprano, a character interpreter and a piano accompanist—will present a delightful program on the fourth afternoon preceding the unique lecture demonstration, "Well-dressed on a Moderate Income," by Evelyn Hansen, noted authority on dress. During the past year Miss Hansen has lectured on this subject to more than 35,000 people under the auspices of the Art Institute of Chicago. She will be assisted on the platform by young women models.

On the fourth night comes the irresistible comedy success, "Turn to the Right," with a wealth of amusing and heart-grIPPING episodes. "Turn to the Right" will be presented by a notable New York cast.

On the fifth day Lieurance's Little Symphony Orchestra of four violins, two cellos and a piano, features an abundance of classical and popular favorites for strings in a grand concert in the afternoon and a prelude at night. The Little Symphony was organized by Thurlow Lieurance, famous composer of "By the Waters of Minnetonka," and on tour will be under the personal direction of Harold Lewis, pianist, composer.

On the fifth night Governor McKelvie will deliver a challenging lecture on agriculture and its relation to the nation. Governor McKelvie is a notable speaker. The title of his lecture will be "Wealth and Waste."

A question of great importance will be presented by Chester M. Sanford, vocational expert, who lectures on the sixth afternoon on "Failures of the Misfits." Mr. Sanford's address points out the vital need of choosing the proper vocation. A round table follows the lecture.

"Friendly Enemies," delightful comedy drama, on the sixth night, runs over with laughs interspersed with moments of gripping pathos. It will be presented by an exceptional New York cast.

Vierra's Hawaiians, singers and players, on the last afternoon, clad in their native costumes and playing the musical instruments peculiar to their native land, will give a popular concert and at night will give an equally popular prelude to a humorous program presented by Jess Pugh, fun specialist extraordinary. This last night's program will be a fitting finale to a great Chautauqua week.

Four unique children's entertainments will be given in addition to the regular programs for adults, each of the four entertainments for the (Continued on page two)



WILLIAM M. SMITH
OF
St. Johns, Clinton County
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR
CONGRESS

Strong Endorsement by Board of Supervisors of Clinton County
Whereas, The public press lately announced that Congressman Joseph W. Fordney, of Saginaw who has represented this district in congress for 24 years is not to be a candidate for renomination or reelection, and

Whereas, The Eighth congressional district has never been represented in congress by a resident of Clinton County, and

Whereas, Clinton County has in the person of Hon. William M. Smith of St. Johns, a citizen well fitted to represent the Eighth Congressional District in Congress, and one who by long and faithful public service has well prepared himself for the important duties of representative in congress. William M. Smith served his county for 10 years as County Clerk, and Prosecuting attorney. He has served his state in the State Senate and upon the Workmen's Compensation Commission and the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, upon which later commission he is now serving for more than 8 years. He is familiar with the needs of the district, the state and the country, and is particularly well equipped to perform the duties of congressman. He has been actively engaged in the practice of law for upwards of 20 years, has always shown great interest in and aptitude for public affairs, and would make a worthy successor to Hon. Joseph W. Fordney, of Saginaw County, who so ably represented the Eighth District for so many years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County that the candidacy of William M. Smith, of St. Johns, for congressman of the Eighth Congressional District of Michigan is hereby most enthusiastically endorsed, approved and commended, and that, in the opinion of this Board, no more progressive, competent, able or dependable man could be chosen to represent this district in congress. He is active, alert, progressive, familiar with the agricultural, manufacturing, and every other industry in the district, is in the prime of life, and has proven his worth by his performance in all the public positions in which he has served.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy hereof be forwarded to each Board of Supervisors and each newspaper in the Eighth Congressional District.
(Signed by)
John E. Pie,
Supervisor of Eagle Township,
William Summers,
Supervisor of Watertown Township,
Homer Brazeo,
Supervisor of DeWitt Township,
George A. Rose,
Supervisor of Bath Township,
Calvin E. Sexton,
Supervisor of Victor Township,
Burr M. Eaton,
Supervisor of Olive Township,
Nelson R. Pratt,
Supervisor of Riley Township,
Peter Trierweiler,
Supervisor of Westphalia Township,
William L. Simmon,
Supervisor of Dallas Township,
Arthur J. Gage,
Supervisor of Bingham Township,
William C. Wilson,
Supervisor of Ovid Township,
Clayton A. Sherman,
Supervisor of Duplain Township,
Dwight S. Morrison,
Supervisor of Greenbush Township,
George Campbell,
Supervisor of Essex Township,
Hayes L. Burch,
Supervisor of Lebanon Township,
John T. Millman,
Frank E. Stone,
Henry E. Walbridge,
Supervisors of City of St. Johns.

Political Advertisement 60-2wks-c

Bacon, Veteran, Has Passed Away

William Lawrence Bacon, world war veteran, who saw service on the seas on a United States destroyer, died at Traverse City last Friday following a long illness.

William Lawrence, son of John and Mary Bacon was born at Neola, Iowa, Sept. 1, 1898. He resided in and attended school in other states before coming to Michigan with the family in 1914.

In 1917 he became a member of the Alma Christian Church and shortly after enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He was honorably discharged July 7, 1919. He left the service in a weakened condition because of exposure and sickness during the war. That fall he was stricken with influenza and taken to a government hospital at Asheville, N. Carolina, where he spent one year. He was brought back to his home last March and two weeks ago taken north thinking that the summer among the pines would be beneficial. But this was not the case. He was taken more seriously ill and rushed to Johnson's hospital at Traverse City where he died last Saturday morning.

Besides his parents he leaves a sister, Thelma, and a half sister, Mrs. C. H. Cole, of Muncie, Ind. and also a half brother, Frank Burr of Alma. Funeral services were held in East Superior Christian Church Monday afternoon. Interment was made in the family lot in Riverside Cemetery.

NEW CONCERN IS TO START OPERATIONS

PAR-KAR COACH COMPANY TO
START WORK AT PLANT
THIS WEEK.

Twenty-five Men on the Pay Roll

The newest industry of the twin cities, Alma and St. Louis—the Par-Kar Coach Company, with a capitalization of \$500,000, will be under production before the present week has drawn to a close, and again the wheels of industry will be humming at the Bollstrom factory, which has stood idle for months. It has every prospect of developing into an industry of which the community may be proud.

The company had been hoping to be under production on Monday of this week, but unlooked for delays in moving by truck from Detroit to the Bollstrom plant caused a delay of a few days. The heavy rains played a part in the delay, causing a holdup of truck shipment because of the condition of the roads, which were in poor shape to withstand heavy loads.

At the factory Tuesday Mr. G. A. Reem, treasurer of the new company stated that the plant would open with about 25 men. At that time he said the company had received applications from over 100 men in St. Louis and Alma who desired work.

As the company has \$500,000 worth of orders for delivery before Aug. 1, it will be necessary to hire the most skilled of these men, but Mr. Reem pointed out that the company expects to make every endeavor to put married men with families, who are not employed, to work in the new plant so far as can possibly be done. He believes that in this way the company can be of a big benefit to the Twin Cities right from the start.

The company has every hope and expectation that it will soon need a much larger force of men and when they are secured the same careful attention will be given to placing men with families.

The Par-Kar Coach Company is a new industry, having been in existence for only about two years, and in May of this present year it was incorporated. The concern was started in Detroit in a meager way and so far has been growing on its own merits and seemingly has a fine promise for the future. It has shown a good, consistent growth that gives good indications of future business, especially when it is considered that the company has a total of \$225,000 worth of orders on its books, \$90,000 of which is to be ready for delivery during the present month.

The company manufactures a high class coach-bus, which is manufactured entirely in the plant, chassis, body, etc. The bus contains fourteen individual revolving chairs. It is so constructed that it rides as easily as the smoothest riding automobiles.

The officers of the company are all experienced men in the automobile industry, in which they are well versed, both from the mechanical and executive sides of the business.

Spawn Planting Is In Favor In Alma

There is a strong and growing sentiment in Alma for the establishment of a fish and gun club, the advantages of which are apparent to all hunters and to all those who delight in pastime with the rod.

One of the strongest arguments which is being advanced for the formation of such a club is the desire to promote among the Alma fishing "bugs" the habit of stocking Pine river each year with the well known varieties of game fish that can be grown in the Pine, and which in two or three years would furnish local fishermen with plenty of real sport.

There are any number of good varieties of fish that could be secured from the state and planted in the waters of the Pine in this vicinity, which would thrive well, bass of the various varieties, steel heads, pike, and perhaps farther up stream, rainbows and other real fighting fish.

Such planting for a few years of spawn, which can be obtained from the state would make Pine river a haven for fishermen. It is not a difficult task to transplant the spawn of the various fish and the results would far offset any slight inconvenience that might at any time be caused lovers of the sport in devoting a few hours time to transplanting several cans of spawn into the river.

ALMA'S POSTMASTER HAS BEEN SELECTED



FRANK O. PARKER.

BAHLKE NOW ON PURCELL'S TRAIL

WELL MACHINE IS SOLD AND
BALANCE OF JUDGMENT
IS SOUGHT.

In a communication to the city commission Tuesday evening William A. Bahlke, city attorney, informed the city commission that collection of the \$26,407.90 judgement that was secured by the city against A. R. Purcell, Jackson contractor, had been started by the sale of the well machinery at public auction at the court house to R. H. Kersey of South Bend, Indiana, for \$1,005.

This is the same well machine that was located by representatives of The Alma Record at the time that the suits against Purcell were first instituted. After the machine was located by Record representatives the city retrieved the machine, which it held until ordered sold by the court and the proceeds applied to the judgement, so the act of The Record has been a means in aiding the city in securing \$1,005 of the judgement.

The City Attorney also informed the commission that he intends to seek a deficiency judgement from the court for the balance, this being \$25,402.90, after which he says he will be on Purcell's trail. It is thought likely that Mr. Purcell will endeavor to go through bankruptcy proceedings to avoid the judgement, but this promises to give Mr. Bahlke an opportunity to get at the contractor in court, and it is certain that Mr. Bahlke will make things warm for him, if this should happen, in the efforts to learn what has happened to any money that Purcell might have had.

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PRIZES OFFERED TO STUDENTS

Prizes were offered this week to students of the Summer Bible School. A bible is to be given to the boy or girl in each room who maintains the highest grades in deportment, attendance, promptness and scholarship. All those who are enrolled during the last week of the school will be invited to a picnic planned by the teachers.

The average daily attendance at the school for the first two weeks was 53, which is 89 2/5 per cent of the enrollment.

W. E. Baker was in Detroit on business the latter part of last week.

F. O. PARKER CONFIRMED BY U. S. SENATE

CASHIER HAS BEEN NAMED AS
THE POSTMASTER AT
ALMA OFFICE.

Should Prove a Capable Official

A telegram received here Friday from United States Senator Charles E. Townsend carried the information that the senate Thursday evening had confirmed the appointment of Frank O. Parker as postmaster at Alma for the coming four year period. He has since received official notification of the appointment.

The selection of Mr. Parker from the six applicants for the place is meeting with general satisfaction in Alma, local people realizing that his past experience has been such that he should prove a highly capable man for the place. Aside from his experience, which peculiarly fits him for the work, Mr. Parker also stands very high in the community as a clean-cut, responsible young man, and he has been receiving the congratulations from the other contestants in the race as well as from many business men and others in the city, upon his selection as postmaster.

It is not known just when Mr. Parker will take over the work at the postoffice, but the expectation is that he will succeed Ezra L. Smith, acting postmaster, July 15th. This depends, however, upon the department. When he takes over the reins at the post office Mr. Parker will be in charge of a first class office, which pays at the present time a salary of \$3,200. The office became a first class one on July 1, at which time the salary was boosted.

Mr. Parker has been a resident of Alma for the past 16 years, and during this time he has held positions in only two institutions, covering a period of 15 1/2 years, which speaks for itself as to his thoroughness in his work. For the past 5 1/2 years he has been assistant cashier at the First State Bank. Prior to that time he was in the Alma postoffice for a period of ten years. From a clerk in the office he worked his way up to the assistant postmaster's position, which he held for three years before resigning to go to the First State Bank.

MASONS FIGHT KU KLUX KLAN

GRAND MASTERS IN SEVERAL
STATES DECLARE AGAINST
THE SOCIETY.

As the direct result of fraud in claiming the sympathy of Masons, going Masons as "approaching salesmen" and attempting to gain support from the Masonic fraternity, the Free and Accepted Masons have definitely declared war on the ku klux klan.

Charging the K. K. K. organization as intensely anti-American and promulgates terrorism and disregard of law, the grand masters of the Masonic fraternity in thirty states have already denounced the organization and sent out warnings to the local lodges. It is expected that other state organizations will follow with similar action.

The klan has been denounced as thoroughly unAmerican and a criminal conspiracy and it is expected that the action on the part of the Masons will crystallize against this organization which has spread a reign of terror throughout many states in the Union. It is said that one of the tenets of the klan is political warfare on Roman Catholics.

Clark W. McKenzie, grand master of Michigan Masonry, has declared that he anticipates no lodge in the state will permit the use of its lodge rooms for any meeting of the klan and adds that such action on the part of any Masonic lodge will not be tolerated.

Attempts have been made within the past few weeks in several Central Michigan cities and towns to organize the klan, among them being Grand Rapids, Howard City, Lakeview, Sparta and Greenville, and others, but apparently without much success.

It is expected that other fraternal orders and lodges will follow the lead of the Masons in declaring against the klan.

Bring your Cream to the Freeman Dairy Co., located at The Alma Creamery Co.—advertisement, 1w.